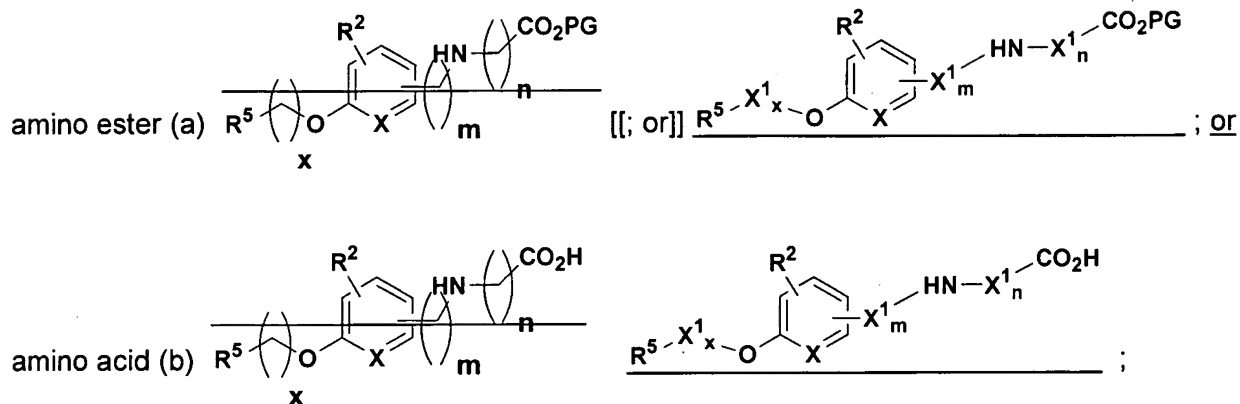


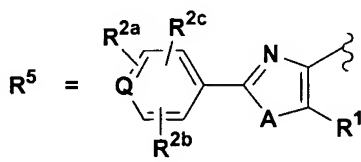
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 54. (Cancelled).

Claim 55. (Currently Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein PG is a carboxylic acid protecting group which is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl, and



wherein x is 2, m is 1, n is 1, X^1_x is an alkylene chain of two carbons, alkenylene chain of two carbons or an alkynylene chain of two carbons;

X^1_m is an alkylene chain of one carbon; and

X^1_n is an alkylene chain of one carbon;

Q is C;

A is O;

R^1 is methyl;

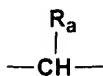
X is CH₂;

R^2 is H, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, amino or substituted amino;

R^{2a} , R^{2b} and R^{2c} are each H;

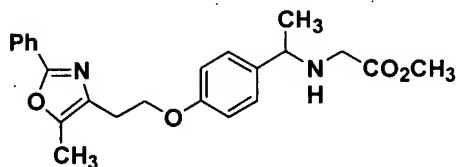
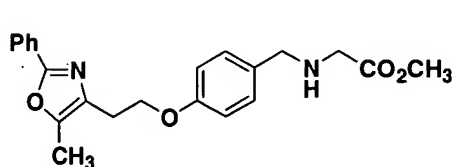
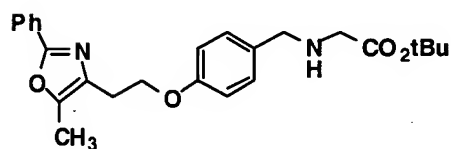
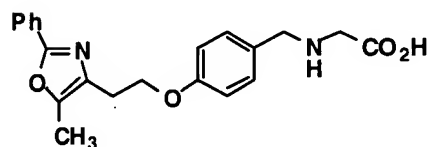
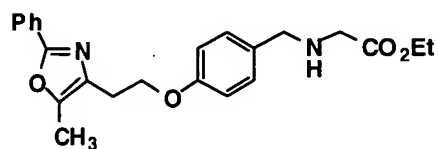
or stereoisomers thereof, or a prodrug ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 56. (Currently Amended) The compound as defined in Claim 55 wherein $(CH_2)_x X^1_x$ is $(CH_2)_{21}$, $(CH_2)_{31}$ or $(CH_2)_{21}$,
 $(CH_2)_m X^1_m$ is CH_2 , or



wherein R_a is alkyl or alkenyl, $(CH_2)_n X^1_n$ is CH_2 , R^1 is lower alkyl, and R^{2a} H, R^4 is H, X is CH; and PG is methyl, ethyl or t-butyl.

Claim 57. (Previously Presented) The compound as defined in Claim 55 having the structure



, or

Claims 58 to 82. (Cancelled).